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Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish

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Holy Martyrs of Japan-Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.)

10:00 am, 12:00 pm

2:00 pm St. Philip of Jesus Mission (Migrant Workers in Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org
At least one year's notice is needed and do not book venues until the first meeting with the priest.

HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha

Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

Catholic Moms Group

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Consolation and Hope

EDGE Youth Ministry

Faith and Fellowship

Knights of Columbus

LIFETEEN Youth Ministry

Liturgical Ministers

Nossa Senhora de Fatima

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Rosary Apostolate

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Philip of Jesus Mission for the Migrant Workers

Santissima Trinitade & Espirito Santo

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 3, 7:00PM +Samantha Diogo

TUESDAY, February 4, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 7:00PM+Romanko Sakac

THURSDAY, February 6, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

FRIDAY, February 7, 7:00PM

+Joao Perna *Special Intention for Tymothy Tuyen Tran

SATURDAY, February 8, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, February 8, 5:00PM

+Manuel Da Silva +Carlos Pais +Augusta Barros

& Joao Gomes Faria +Antonio Santana & Maria

Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Jose

Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Giuseppa Renda +Jose

Avelino Araujo +Antoinette Scott +Carmelo

Fajardo +Antonio Gammicchia & Francesco

Gammicchia +Antonio Albert Rocha +Onofiro

Papasodaro & Baby Brooklyn Papasodaro

+Khosaba Zaya & Yokhanna Zaya

SUNDAY, February 9, 8:00PM +Laura Marques

SUNDAY, February 9, 10:00AM

+Daniel & Evelina Brizeno +Carlos Marques & Izaura

Sarafim

SUNDAY, February 9, 12:00pm *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, February 9, 2:00pm

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday February 7, 2025

at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS

OF JAPAN Requiem Mass will be held at the church on

the Friday February 7, 2025, at 11:00am. Mass Intentions

can be booked at the parish office

2025 Offertory Boxes are available for pick up once again in the front foyer! If you do not find your box, please contact the parish office. Please be sure to use 2025 offertory envelopes ONLY when making donations.

NOTE TO ALL USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

We kindly ask that you please complete the full name and address on each envelope for every offering, to ensure proper allocation of funds for tax purposes. If you are new to our parish community, and would like to register with our parish, or would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. **We would kindly ask that parishioners not use old envelope numbers from previous years for your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.** If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish office so we can update our database. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY- February 8/9, 2025

HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN PARISH

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP STUDY COMING SOON!

REFLECTION

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” [Luke 2:29–32](#)

At the time of Jesus' birth, there was a man named Simeon who had spent his whole life preparing for one significant moment. Like all faithful Jews at the time, Simeon was waiting for the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would indeed see the Messiah before his death—and so this happened when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple to offer Him to the Lord as an infant.

Try to imagine the scene. Simeon had lived a holy and devout life. And deep within his conscience, he knew that his life on earth would not come to an end until he was privileged to see the Savior of the World with his own eyes. He knew this by a special gift of faith, an interior revelation of the Holy Spirit, and he believed.

It's helpful to think about this unique gift of knowledge that Simeon had throughout his life. Normally we gain knowledge through our five senses. We see something, hear something, taste, smell, or feel something, and as a result come to know it to be true. Physical knowledge is very reliable and is the normal way we come to know things. But this gift of knowledge Simeon had was different. It was deeper and was spiritual in nature. He knew he would see the Messiah before he died, not because of some external sensory perception he had received but because of an interior revelation from the Holy Spirit.

This truth begs the question, which type of knowledge is more certain? Something you see with your eyes, touch, smell, hear or taste? Or something that God speaks to you in the depths of your soul by a revelation of grace? Though these types of knowledge are different, it's important to understand that the spiritual knowledge that is given by the Holy Spirit is far more certain than anything perceived through the five senses alone. This spiritual knowledge has the power to change your life and direct all your actions toward that revelation.

For Simeon, this interior knowledge of a spiritual nature suddenly united with his five senses when Jesus was brought into the Temple. Simeon suddenly saw, heard and felt this Child Whom he knew he would one day see with his own eyes and touch with his own hands. For Simeon, that moment was the culminating moment of his life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has spoken to you in the depths of your soul. Too often we ignore His gentle voice as it speaks, preferring instead to live only in the sensory world. But the spiritual reality within us must become the center and foundation of our lives. It is there where God speaks, and it is there where we, too, will discover the central purpose and meaning of our lives.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of the Lord | February 2, 2025


HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN FEAST DAY will be celebrated on February 8th & 9th at all Sunday Masses


BLESSING OF THE THROATS To celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise there will be the Blessing of the Throats on Monday February 3, 2025, after the 7:00pm Mass.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - ANNOINTING MASS
World Day of the Sick
Tuesday February 11, 2025, 9:00am and 7:00pm Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
Will host a parish breakfast on Sunday February 16, 2024, after the 8am, 10am and Noon Masses. The cost is a voluntary donation to help support programs that support our parish and community. Please come support your Knights!

YOUTH MINISTRY

 **EDGE**[®] Catholic Middle School Ministry
Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.
Next Edge Night: February 7 – New Message

 **LIFE TEEN** Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!
Next Lifeteen Night is: February 14 – Go Figure

OUR BEAUTIFUL YOUNG PEOPLE YOU ARE THE HOPE OF OUR WORLD!

THE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS TO BE CANNONIZED A SAINT ON April 25-27, 2025, at the Jubilee of Teenagers!

Carlo Acutis was born in London of Italian parents on May 3, 1991. Shortly afterward, the Acutis family moved back to Italy settling in Milan. Carlos showed himself skilled in all things having to do with information technology, computers, and the internet. He was inspired by Steve Jobs, former CEO of Apple. The wisdom Jobs shared struck a chord with the young Carlo: "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living the life of someone else". It might seem odd that Job's words "Your time is limited" would have a profound impact on a teenager with his whole life ahead of him. Yet those words anticipated the length of Carlos's life. He had shared with a friend a premonition he had that his life would indeed be short. He rephrased the wisdom by saying "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies." Here, Carlos warns against the slavery of conformity- but not with the modern response of

being radically individualistic. Rather, he understood that God made us unique and that each of us needs to discern the vocation the Lord had entrusted to us within the family of the Church. Such was the impact of these words that Pope Francis included them in his apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit* ("Christ is Alive") addressed to young people. Speaking of Carlos, Francis said, "*He saw that many young people, wanting to be different, really end up being like everyone else, running after whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerism and distraction. In this way they do not bring forth the gifts the Lord has given them; they do not offer the world those unique personal talents that God has given to each of them. As a result, Carlo said, "Everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies." Don't let that happen to you! (Christus Vivit 106)*

Steve Jobs' words about the importance of saying "no" were influential. Carlo realized that we can't say "yes" to everything. There have to be boundaries and choices of what we accept and reject. He also knew that all goods don't exist on the same level but present themselves to us in a hierarchy of greater or lesser value, and only by saying "no" to a lesser good can we say "yes" to something greater. For Carlo, this highest good of all was God and his will for his life. Carlos is a great example of someone whose used modern technology to good effect without wasting time or being distracted. He used his skills to update and develop the websites and communication platforms of his parish and school opening up new ways to evangelize and share the Good News using media. Not being naive of the dangers of the internet, he warned his fellow students about the evils of pornography that "Hypnotize" its victims and dehumanize both its producers and consumers. He gently but firmly counseled his fellow students about the importance of the will and the capacity to master it with God's grace. For Carlo, information technology must be seen for what it is: a tool to share good news, to connect, and to do good. In this regard he is a role model for young people and indeed for all of us of how to use technology without being manipulated or controlled by it.

From a young age, Carlo grasped the teaching of Jesus about the importance of interior disposition as the key to what we say or act. Carlos loved the habitual prayer of Eucharistic Adoration as a time of intimate communion with the Lord Jesus. For Carlo, we are called to possess "Eucharistic souls in which God works those marvels in us that only He can do." Carlo Acutis died at 15 years of age after a short illness caused by acute leukemia. He and his family faced death with great courage. Though they prayed for the miracle of his survival, they all came to realize that while God doesn't always save us *from* death, he saves us *in* death. As the first Millennial Saint, may his witness inspire many young people to walk the same path of holiness and greatness as he did. — Fr. Bill Swan, Priest of the Diocese of Ferns, Ireland
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